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Thanks

- .. To those who attended our school swimming sports this week and to Mr D for organising a great event.
- .. To Tina Gross who ran the senior sausage sizzle.
- .. To those who supported with this week's kindergarten visit.

People of the week

- .. Our interschool swimming team - results to follow!
- .. Max and Xanthe who have been selected for the National Water Ski Champs in April. Congratulations on this achievement!
- .. Those children who brought their high-vis vests to school this week.

Please keep us informed of the achievements of present and past pupils so that we can celebrate these together.

Term Events

- .. coming events in brief.
- 21 March Year 7/8 team triathlon (Marsden Cove)
- 22 March Year 7/8 HPV and tetanus vaccinations
- 25 March Year 7/8 individual triathlon (Onerahi Foreshore)
- 5 April Final day term 1

Parent / Student Surveys

We are pleased to advise that our parent and student surveys are up and running and awaiting your input. These surveys can be accessed at the links below and take only a few minutes to complete. Results will assist us to identify ..

- .. perceptions of how learning is managed and valued (parent survey)
- .. student perceptions of their strengths and learning styles

As with all surveys .. responses are most useful when based on broader experience as opposed to any recent event or one-off occurrences. So .. think carefully before responding.

In order not to invalidate responses please try not to lead or prompt your child with their responses.

Please note .. that only one set of responses can be sent from any individual computer. If you would like additional hard copies these can be requested from the school office.

Parents survey can be accessed at ..

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T5HYZ3J>

The student survey can be accessed at ..

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R3D3QY5>

Thank you for your contribution to these surveys. Please enter your responses by 30 March. Results will be made available later in the year.

Board of Trustees .. Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

In accordance with section 105 of the Education Act parents were advised (one month ago) of the Board's intention to fill a casual vacancy resulting from the resignation of board Treasurer Grant Shaw whose children no longer attend Matarau School. As no requests for a formal by-election have been placed with the board, the board will shortly proceed with an appointment to this position. The appointee will be advised in next week's newsletter.

School Sponsors

If interested in being a school sponsor for the 2012 school year please contact Alison Faithfull on 4335557.

	Yr	Freestyle	Backstroke	Breaststroke
Johnathan	5	11 th	6 th	7 th
Hunter	5		11 th	
Caleb	6	2 nd	7 th	
Oliver	6			6 th
James	6			9 th
Natasha	6		17 th	
Max	7	6 th	4 th	2 nd
Jared	7	9 th	12 th	7 th
Jemimah	7	9 th		
Ruby	7	12 th	13 th	12 th
Jamahl	8	6 th	6 th	
Daniel	8	12 th	11 th	8 th
Laura	8	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd
Emily	9	13 th	11 th	9 th

Te Reo / Tikanga (years 3 to 8)

Consent forms for this programme were issued (on request) this week. If you are keen for your child(ren) to be involved in this programme, and you have not received a consent form, please PHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON MONDAY MORNING. This programme will involve withdrawal from class for 2 by half hour sessions per week continuing until the end of term 2 - at which point the programme will be reviewed. Places are limited and it may be that not all children can be placed in the initial intake.

Innovation Class 2012

Some of you will know that the innovation class this year (Room 9) will not operate on the same basis as in earlier years. The programme is less intensive and will not involve all Room 9 children in the initial stages. There is also no financial cost to parents this year. If you would like to know more about the innovation focus for 2012 you are invited to attend a meeting at 3:15 Wednesday 21 March in the school library. This year's focus is on thinking skills and children will learn simple techniques to think creatively and critically to solve problems and brainstorm ideas. Hopefully these children will lead the rest of the school into becoming more proficient thinkers and processors of information. Please phone the school office next week if you will be at this meeting. If you are interested and cannot make this meeting please give the office a call and request a brochure.

Year 4-6 School Summer Sports Tournament - 28 March (pp 4.4)

Consents for this event were sent out this week. This event will be held at Kensington Park (travelling by bus) starting around 10:00 AM and running until around 2:00 PM. Parents are most welcome to drop by to support our teams. Any questions in the run up to this event to Mr Schuster please.

If you have not returned your child's consent please send it in on Monday. The cost of the bus (around \$5) will be covered by your child's activity fee.

Lost Property

Rather too much here for this time of year - please drop by some time to have a look.

Headlice

.. remember .. check weekly please.

International Schools English and Maths Competitions

Consent forms for the above competitions were sent out today with children who expressed interest and with those whose parents had placed a request. **Please return consent forms and entry fees no later than 30 March so that we can enter your child. Please note that we will not be receiving entries after this date.**

(Before returning the consent please make sure your child is in a position to do at least 5 practice papers for their chosen competition. In some cases it may be better to enter in one area of strength rather than coping with the workload of both competitions).

The English paper is scheduled for 31 July and the maths paper is scheduled for 14 August.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Please show an interest in what your child is doing and make what they have done a point of discussion in the evening. The programme will particularly focus on what constitutes safe and unsafe behaviour and where to go / what to do when you need help. Children will be taught correct terms for body parts and will be taught to distinguish between good and bad touching. The programme will be facilitated by Jasmine Blundle the Police Education Officer. Jasmine is happy to have parents sit in - just see your child's teacher for times.

Sausage Sizzle

Up and running on a Wednesday. Cost \$1.50 per sausage. Money to senior school fund-raising.

After School Care

All users of this programme are asked to register please. This can be done on line by visiting www.skids.co.nz or alternatively by checking in with the programme manager here at school before the start of ASC. The standard of this programme has been significantly upgraded and large subsidies are available to most users. We hope parents will make full use of this programme to help ensure it is sustainable. Brochures are available from the office.

Netball Teams 2012

Information was sent out to interested parties this week. If you did not receive information, and would like to, please contact the school office .. or Mrs Marvin with any questions.

Scholastic Issue 2 - Issued this week. All orders and payments due at the office by March 23rd.

Homework

Now up and running in most rooms - please be vigilant at home enforcing a suitable homework time and place. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like them excused from homework at any stage.

Final thought

"The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do" J.M. Barrie - Scottish writer 1860-1937

Regards
Kevin Trewhella
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A Message from our SKIDS Team

Our SKIDS 'Safe Kids in Daily Supervision' would be very pleased to answer any questions about the SKIDS after school program, which is up and running each day. We can now supervise until 6pm and remember you could qualify for a subsidy too!

Also, please let it be known to them if you would appreciate an Easter Holiday Program being available for your child. If there are enough numbers this could be something to look forward to. To contact Abby or Hannah text or call 0278461724 or pop into the school hall at the end of the school day. Alternatively you will find information and enrolment forms online at www.skids.co.nz

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Community Notices

Wanted – Relief milking or part-time farm work sought. Will consider house as part or full remuneration. Please ph Chelsea 0210302173.

Wanted to Rent – 3 bedroom house, close to outskirts of Kamo North or West, Ph 0210302173.

Kittens – Fluffy grey and white and tabby grey. Fee to good homes. Ph Trish 4335775

Dilworth Boarding School – Information evening 7pm, 22 March @ Kamo Intermediate. Full Scholarships available for all Year 5 and up. For further info go to www.dilworth.school.nz or email applications@dilworth.school.nz or ph 095233179 ext 701.

Understanding Epilepsy Seminars – What is Epilepsy, What causes Epilepsy? Triggers, Medication, First Aid, etc, for more info contact 4385498 or 0800202122 or email northland@epilepsy.org.nz.

Girls Brigade – Available to all girls 5-17 yrs old, Programme enables girls to have fun, develop friendships, learn and extend skills, meet challengers and have new opportunities. For more info contact Sheryn Comrie, 4335756.

Northland Swim for Life – Helps children develop fundamental swimming and survival skills to be safe in and around water. For further info contact Esther Hone-Moore, Sport Northland, 0274141467 or email estherh@sportnorth.co.nz.

Swimming lessons – with SwimMagic at the Whangarei Aquatic Centre. Enrol now for our school holiday intensive program – 5 consecutive days of lessons during the second week of the Easter school holidays for just \$60.

Ruatangata JMC Hockey – Rally Day Saturday 17th March, Kensington Turf, Starts 9am-11.30am. For Registration please ph 4701445

Hikurangi Woman Div 2 Hockey team needs players for the season this winter. If you played hockey in your youth and are keen to get back to playing, we want you! If you haven't played hockey before but are keen to give it a go, we want you! If you are interested please ring Sue Mehrtens 4335606 or 021 834570.

RDA School Holiday Program Horsemanship Play Days - 9am until 4pm at the Riding for the Disabled Facilities in Barge Park, cater for all levels of riders, clothes and equipment provided, minimum age of 6 years old and please bring your own lunch and a jacket, Costs: \$70 per day, please call Sue or Joey 094387521 or 0226124830 Or email info@rdawhangarei.org.nz

CHIP Lifestyle Programme - There is a substantial amount of scientific evidence that many western diseases are lifestyle related and therefore potentially preventable and even reversible. The CHIP programme (Complete Health Improvement Programme) has been operating internationally for over 20 years and in the Whangarei area for 4 years. This programme has produced stunning results with many participants recovering a quality of life they would not have imagined possible. Some participants have gone off medication and others attest to the disappearance of many common ailments and an enhanced sense of well-being. This programme is offered as a community service and the cost to participants is minimal (charge only for materials). An Information Hour will be held on, 1st April at 4 p.m. and 23rd April at 7 p.m. to further discuss what this programme can do for you. If you would like to know more about this life changing programme please visit www.chiphealth.com

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